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Director of ECOM Laboratory Retires

FT. MONMOUTH — Dr. Hans K. Ziegler of Colts Neck, director of the Army Electronics Command Electronics Technology and Devices Laboratory, has retired.

Dr. Ziegler first came to

Ft. Monmouth in 1947 as part of "Operation Paperclip," which sought out the most capable German scientists after World War II and brought them to the United States.

Before he was named to

head the ET&D lab in 1971, Dr. Ziegler was chief scientist of ECOM and its predecessor laboratory organization, the Army Signal Research and Development Laboratories.

He played a leading role in

the United States' early space efforts, directing the development of solar power cells for satellites.

He was active in the development of Vanguard I, the long-lived solar-powered "grapefruit" launched on St.

Patrick's Day, 1958.

Despite his official retirement, Dr. Ziegler will become a re-employed annuitant until a suitable replacement can be found for him as director of the ET&D Lab.